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The "Internet of Things" refers to the increasing number of Internet-connected devices with Wi-Fi capabilities and built-in sensors. Connected items can include anything that has an on and off switch: cellphones, coffee makers, headphones, lighting fixtures, washing machines, personal wearable devices and machine components. The IoT is a giant network...

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"The jobs of the future will be those that focus on intellectual capitalism, not commodity capitalism," said Futurist, Physicist and Bestselling Author Michio Kaku during the recent 2017 EDUCAUSE conference keynote, held in Philadelphia, PA. This was the big reveal to the thousands of EDUCAUSE attendees ranging from college and...

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The search giant has regularly expressed a desire to help stem some of that negative impact, and now it's putting its money where its mouth is to the tune of \$1 billion. CEO Sundar Pichai announced Grow with Google at an event held in Pittsburgh, PA. Over the next five...

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The White House in September announced plans to spend \$200 million a year on grants meant to boost STEM education in an effort to close a widening skills gap that, some say, has left Americans out of the running for scientific and technical jobs. Bay Area powerhouses Facebook, Google and...

[A Barrier Removed for Low-income Parents Seeking Education](#)

Posted on 12/01/2017

There's a new law on the books in California that will remove a barrier for low-income parents aiming to access education. Under a bill signed into law by Gov. Jerry Brown on October 12, 2017, poor parents enrolled in English as a Second Language (ESL) or high school equivalency courses...

[Turning Your Students into Web Detectives](#)

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A recent study from the Stanford History Education Group confirms that students today are generally pretty bad at evaluating the news and other information they see online. Now more than ever, our students need our help. And a big part of this is learning how to fact-check what they see...

[Our office will be closed from November 22-24, 2017 to celebrate Thanksgiving](#)

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[National Skills Coalition Releases State Policy Toolkit](#)

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Many states have enacted policies to increase the scope of work-based learning that combines instruction at a worksite with classroom learning. Few of these state policies, however, focus on low-skilled populations of out-of-school youth or disadvantaged adults. National Skills Coalition's (NSC's) scan, for example, found that among the 14 states...

[California Program Looks for Solutions to Skills Gap](#)

Posted on 11/13/2017

A statewide program known as "SlingShot" aims to improve career opportunities and fill needed jobs. The program is part of an employment initiative through the Workforce Development Board (CWDB). It aims to solve regional employment challenges in California through partnerships among government, employers, schools and other groups. Program Overview The...

[How Listening to Podcasts Helps Students Read and Learn](#)

Posted on 11/08/2017

High school English teacher Michael Godsey's favorite work by William Shakespeare is Hamlet. But a few years ago, he stopped teaching his students about the centuries-old classic in favor of a story that was unfolding in the fall of 2014: Serial, the podcast. When he first started teaching with...

[Report: Most Educators are Aware of OER. Don't Understand OER Licensing](#)

Posted on 11/06/2017

A new report examines who the decision-makers are in curriculum adoptions and finds that a sizable percentage of schools have chosen open educational resources in the last three years. Most school districts, 77 percent, have made at least one full-course curriculum adoption decision in the last three years, according to...

[Digital Promise Partners with Facebook to Offer Micro-credentials for Adult Learners](#)

Posted on 11/01/2017

Digital skills are in high demand. According to a Burning Glass report, eight in 10 middle-skill level jobs require digital skills, such as online communication and productivity tools. Adult workers often do not have this training, and increasingly employers report difficulty finding qualified workers with digital middle skills. Unfortunately, this...

[Adults and Community College Degrees](#)

Posted on 10/27/2017

Adults are coming to community colleges seeking a different approach to education, says Jim Jacobs, and that will require institutions to pay attention to a few important design features. Most community colleges have adopted the mission of serving low-income, underprepared students who are in need of postsecondary education for any...

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[2017 COABE Virtual Conference – FREE](#)

Posted on 10/24/2017

Thanks to the California Council for Adult Education (CCAIE) you can attend the Coalition on Adult Basic Education (COABE) Virtual Conference October 25 & 26th 2017 for FREE! Here are the Next Steps for California: You must register individually for the COABE Virtual Conference, selecting the \$50 member rate. Use...

[How Teachers and Schools Can Help When Bad Stuff Happens](#)

Posted on 10/19/2017

The following is an excerpt from the article. The full version can be accessed here . Joy Osobsky, professor of pediatrics and psychiatry at Louisiana State University . I would recommend that they address issues from the beginning. Talk to the students about: You know, we've all been through a...

[EdTech Pilot Framework](#)

Posted on 10/16/2017

It's the beginning of the year, there are new classes, new projects, new students and maybe even new equipment! It's an exciting (and exhausting) time of year. If you are looking for ways to successfully integrate and manage an edtech pilot, check out the "Edtech Pilot Framework" offered from Digital...

[Week of The California School Administrator](#)

Posted on 10/10/2017

In observance of the importance of educational leadership at the school, school district, and county levels, the second full week in the month of October of each year shall be designated as "Week of the School Administrator" (California Education Code Section 44015.1). Schools, school districts, and county superintendents of schools...

[The Learning Innovation Cycle: How Disruption Creates Lasting Change](#)

Posted on 10/06/2017

by Terry Heick Disruption is an interesting topic for the same reason that cowboys, gangsters, and villains are interesting. It's unpredictable. Problematic. Against the grain. It's kind of aging as a buzzword in the "education space," but it's other-worldly powerful, and there are few things education needs more. How exactly...

[10 Current and Emerging Trends in Adult Learning](#)

Posted on 10/05/2017

What Do Harvey and Irma have to do with learning? When (what we thought were) once in five hundred year storms hit every other week, it suggests there is something new going on--and another sign that we live in a world where the unexpected is the norm. As more of...

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[Why California is Investing Over \\$200 Million in Vocational Education](#)

Posted on 09/26/2017

More Americans are going to college than ever before. The most recent census found that 33.4 percent of adults over the age of 24 have earned a bachelor's degree or more. Kurt Bauman, Chief of the Education and Social Stratification Branch for the U.S. Census describes this as, "a significant..."

[Adult Education and Family Literacy Week](#)

Posted on 09/25/2017

National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week raises public awareness about the need for and value of adult education and family literacy. Its goal is to leverage resources that support access to basic education programs for the 36 million U.S. adults with low literacy skills. Advocates across the country use...

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[Free Digital Equity Action Toolkit by CoSN](#)

Posted on 09/21/2017

Ensuring all students have equal access to educational technology—both in the classroom and at home—often requires innovation. Educators can find cost-effective solutions in new technologies such as open-educational resources and by partnering with the business community. "The vast majority of superintendents agree with the premise that digital equity is..."

[Newsela PRO license offer still available!](#)

Posted on 09/20/2017

OTAN is offering up to 200 Newsela PRO licenses to adult education teachers who teach at a WIOA-funded school site. Licenses will be valid for the school year through June 30th, 2018. Newsela provides stories on current events tailor-made for classroom use. Indexed by broad theme (e.g. War and Peace,...

[Jobs for the Future and Persistence Plus Launch Initiative Using Behavioral Science to Help Students Complete Community College and Earn a STEM Degree](#)

Posted on 09/19/2017

"Nudges" for STEM Success Will Engage 10K+ Students over Text Messaging In August 2017, Jobs for the Future (JFF) and Persistence Plus launched Nudging to STEM Success , a joint initiative funded by the Helmsley Charitable Trust that leverages behavioral science and mobile technology to increase community college completion, particularly...

[CALPRO: Defining On-Ramps to Adult Career Pathways](#)

Posted on 09/15/2017

As part of CALPRO's monthly updates on research-based practices, featured below is a report that highlights a menu of career pathways 'on-ramp' services and partnerships that can be used to develop program models. Although the focus of the report is on Minnesota, it illustrates how a state can move its...

[OTAN Webinars for AEBG TAP](#)

Posted on 09/13/2017

OTAN worked with AEBG Technical Assistance Project to share information on topics of educational technology in adult basic education. Please join us for the two webinars in September. Teaching Vocabulary with Technology presenter: Kristi Reyes Wed, September 13th, 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM Adult students need a strong vocabulary foundation...

[CALPRO: Integrated and Contextualized Workforce Skills Online Workshop Series](#)

Posted on 09/07/2017

In September and October CALPRO is offering a series of online workshops on Integrated and Contextualized Workforce Skills. These interactive workshops are delivered entirely online and are free and open to any adult educators in California who are employed by WIOA, Title II: AEFLA-funded agencies. Integrated and Contextualized Workforce Skills...

[A Conversation with an Adult Education Director: Ensuring Student Success through Guided Pathways](#)

Posted on 09/05/2017

Jobs for the Future (JFF) is a national nonprofit that builds educational and economic opportunity for underserved populations in the United States. JFF develops innovative programs and public policies that increase college readiness and career success and build a more highly skilled, competitive workforce. With over 30 years of experience,...

[Serving English Language Learners, Immigrants, Refugees, and Farmworkers in the Workforce System](#)

Posted on 08/31/2017

The California Workforce Association (CWA), the California Workforce Development Board (CWDB) and The Labor and Workforce Development Agency (LWDA) hosted two webinars on serving English Language Learners, Immigrants, Refugees and Farmworkers in the Workforce System. The webinar recordings and other resources are available through the CWDB English Language Learners Immigration...

[Report: Educator Confidence in Technology Increasing](#)

Posted on 08/29/2017

Sixty-five percent of educators expressed confidence in using digital technology in their classrooms, a 7 percent increase over last year, according to a recent survey commissioned by education and publishing company Houghton Mifflin Harcourt (HMH). While 98 percent of educators reported using digital materials in their work, teachers still said...

[Annual IDEAL Institute August 22-23, 2017](#)

Posted on 08/24/2017

The IDEAL Consortium, a project of the EdTech Center at World Education, Inc., is working to develop effective distance education programs for adult learners, raising the quality of blended and distance online learning across the United States through new educational technology innovations and collaborative research and practice. For 15 years,...

[CASAS Summer Institute 2017 California Consortium Meeting Notes Now Posted](#)

Posted on 08/22/2017

The California Consortium Meeting at the CASAS National Summer Institute addressed opportunities and challenges the state is facing as it implements the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) and Adult Education Block Grant (AEBG). Pat Rickard, CASAS President, began the Consortium by welcoming the meeting participants. Christian Nelson, Adult Education...

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[CALPRO: Implementation of Accelerating Opportunity: Final Implementation Findings with Lessons from the Field](#)

Posted on 08/15/2017

The Accelerating Opportunity (AO) initiative was developed to support students with low basic skills in their efforts to obtain credentials and well-paying jobs as well as sustain rewarding careers. The report shares the accomplishments of the initiative over its three years of implementation and provides an understanding of the process...

[Lessons Learned from Supporting Student Success: Adult Education and Remedial Education Reform in Community Colleges](#)

Posted on 08/10/2017

OCTAE, Manhattan Strategy Group, July 2017 As part of OCTAE's Supporting Student Success project, Manhattan Strategy Group produced three videos demonstrating promising practices in adult education and developmental education alignment within community colleges. Supporting Student Success through Professional Development Managing Community College Change Blending Adult Education and Developmental Education: A...

[Google and Digital Promise Reimagine Teacher Tech Training with New National Program](#)

Posted on 08/08/2017

In July 2017, Google, in concert with Digital Promise and EdTechTeam, announced the start of the Dynamic Learning Project (DLP), a national program to help educators in low-income communities build advanced classroom technology skills. Google is giving Digital Promise a \$6.5 million-dollar grant to research and implement a professional...

[Evaluating Digital Learning for Adult Basic Literacy and Numeracy](#)

Posted on 08/04/2017

Can digital learning technologies increase the capacity of ABE programs by providing more efficient and effective learning opportunities to better serve the adult learning needs in their communities? The magnitude of the problem of unskilled labor for the U.S. workforce is known. More than 36 million adults in the United...

[Serving Immigrant Families through Two-Generation Programs: Identifying Family Needs and Responsive Program Approaches](#)

Posted on 08/01/2017

By addressing the needs of poor or low-income parents and their children simultaneously, two-generation programs have great potential to uplift whole families and break cycles of intergenerational poverty. Generally speaking these programs seek to weave together high-quality early learning opportunities for children with initiatives directed at their parents, including adult...

[Field Testing Cities Announced in the Adult Literacy XPRIZE](#)

Posted on 07/27/2017

The global leader in designing and operating world-changing incentive competitions, today announced eight semifinalist teams are advancing in the \$7M Barbara Bush Foundation Adult Literacy XPRIZE presented by the Dollar General Literacy Foundation, a global competition challenging teams to develop mobile applications for existing smart devices that result in the...

[XPrize Semi-finalists Announced](#)

Posted on 07/25/2017

Semi-finalists were announced this week for the Barbara Bush Foundation Adult Literacy XPrize, a global competition in which 109 teams competed to develop mobile applications for smart devices that result in the greatest increase in literacy skills among participating adult learners in just 12 months. The eight semi-finalist apps...

[5 tips to get started with technology planning](#)

Posted on 07/21/2017

Whether your school, district or state has a stand-alone educational technology plan or integrates this plan into its cycle of improvement planning, it's good to start with the essentials. What are the essentials, you may ask? The ISTE Essential Conditions are a research-based set of 14 critical elements necessary to...

[I-DEA National Conferences Announced](#)

Posted on 07/18/2017

Washington State Board for Community and Technical Colleges is pleased to offer four regional Integrated Digital English Acceleration (I-DEA) training conferences around the country. The conferences, held in collaboration with The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, will equip English language faculty and administrators with practical information and hands-on tools to...

[Beyond the unemployment rate: Meet the out-of-work](#)

Posted on 07/13/2017

Brookings Metro shows the diversity of jobless adults at the local level and offers strategies to connect them to employment. A new report from the Brookings Institution Metropolitan Policy Program provides a first-ever view of adults ages 25 to 64 who are out-of-work in 130 large cities and counties across...

[The Five Principles of Adult Learning Pioneered by Malcolm Knowles](#)

Posted on 07/11/2017

In her article on Thought.Co Deb Peterson explains that the teacher of adults has a different job from the one who teaches children. If you're teaching adult students, for the best results it's important to understand and practice five principles espoused by Malcolm Knowles, a pioneer in the study of...

[Center for Law and Social Policy Report on AEBG Implementation Released](#)

Posted on 07/06/2017

The Center for Law and Social Policy (CLASP), a national, nonpartisan, anti-poverty organization, released Prosperity Through Partnership: Opportunities for AEBG to Strengthen Systems and Communities. The report was supported by funding from the State AEBG Office and included contributions by the California Community College Chancellor's Office (CCCCO), California Department...

[Integrated Education and Training: A Career Pathways Policy & Practice](#)

Posted on 07/03/2017

This report by Judy Mortrude, Center for Law and Social Policy (CLASP), published in April 2017 summarizes the findings of a national survey of adult education providers that the Center for Law and Social Policy and the Texas Workforce Commission conducted to learn more about Integrated Education and Training (IET)...

[Web-based Activity: TED-Ed for Interactive Video Lessons](#)

Posted on 06/30/2017

In the June 2017 Web-based activity article, Kristi Reyes posits that "thought-provoking lectures by various experts and authorities in a wide range of disciplines and walks of life to spread ideas that "have the power to change attitudes, lives, and ultimately, the world." Some of the most powerful of these...

[Using the PIAAC Framework for Problem Solving in Technology-Rich Environments to Guide Instruction: An Introduction for Adult Educators](#)

Posted on 06/22/2017

This brief is an invitation to practitioners to engage in the work of teaching problem solving in technologically-rich environments. The author, Jennifer B. Vanek, encourages the readers to start by teaching the problem-solving process and embedding it into units of study enhanced by the process. Along the way, teachers will...

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[Pennsylvania Department of Corrections Hosts Career Pathways Podcast](#)

Posted on 06/19/2017

Pennsylvania Secretary of Corrections John E. Wetzel recently hosted the podcast "Bustin' Walls." Produced by the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections (DOC), the podcast "breaks through the walls and fences of ... state facilities to provide listeners with a real look inside the field of corrections with one of the top...

[CALPRO: Designing Programs for Adults with Learning Disabilities Courses](#)

Posted on 06/14/2017

CALPRO is pleased to announce two professional learning opportunities for educators and administrators serving adults with learning disabilities (LDs): our brand new self-directed course and a newly revised facilitated online course. Designing Programs for Adults with Learning Disabilities, Session I, Awareness for Adult Educators Self-Directed Online Course Available NOW! This...

[Change in CDE leadership in the Adult Education Office](#)

Posted on 06/14/2017

Dear Adult Education Colleagues, I am writing to inform you of a change in leadership in the Adult Education Office at the California Department of Education (CDE). This change was necessitated by a reduction of funding for personnel in the Career and College Transition Division at the CDE. As a...

[National Skills Coalition Releases New Fact Sheet: "The Business Case for Upskilling"](#)

Posted on 06/12/2017

According to a new fact sheet recently released by the National Skills Coalition (NSC), "The Business Case for Upskilling," "companies that invest in their workers' skill building can see payoffs not only for the workers themselves, but for the business bottom line." The publication highlights the NSC's findings on...

[Register for the Next Advancing Career Pathways Regional Meeting!](#)

Posted on 06/08/2017

The U.S. Department of Education's Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education's (OCTAE's) Advancing Career Pathways project is a two-year federal investment dedicated to strengthening and expanding the role of CTE in career pathways systems development at the state and local levels. As key service providers and stakeholders, CTE programs...

[2017 Effective Transitions in Adult Education Conference](#)

Posted on 06/05/2017

Connect and engage with colleagues from across the country at the National College Transition Network's 11th annual conference on Effective Transitions in Adult Education on November 13 - 15, 2017 at the Crowne Plaza at the Crossings, Providence (Warwick), RI. Our conference is a time to join with adult education...

[Become a Champion for Adult Literacy XPRIZE](#)

Posted on 06/01/2017

The Adult Literacy XPRIZE is in the phase of testing literacy apps for adult learning across the U.S. in three cities: Dallas, Los Angeles and Philadelphia. They need your help to make this very important mission a success. Become a Champion today to make a difference in the lives of...

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[EdSurge: Why Moodle's Mastermind, Martin Dougiamas, Still Believes in Edtech After Two Decades](#)

Posted on 05/30/2017

As many adult educators in California agencies funded through WIOA Title II/AEFLA funds know, OTAN hosts a platform for online and blended learning that is available to the field

to use. There are a number of courses available on adult education topics to use for free. Some courses can be...

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[Web-based Activity: Formative Assessments](#)

Posted on 05/22/2017

In the May 2017 Web-based activity article, Susan Coulter posits that formative assessments are a quick snapshot of student learning, which then allows you to change the course of the lesson to address those gaps in understanding. Formative assessments are used to differentiate learning and guide instruction. In this article...

[Badge Launch at Riverside About Students April 19th 2017](#)

Posted on 05/19/2017

The Digital Badges launch event showcased the work of the Riverside ABout Students Consortia members and partners who spent the last year working and collaborating on a system-wide implementation of a digital badging program for adult education programs. The origins of this project came as a solution to the challenges...

[Using Technology and Motivation to Reach Adult Learners](#)

Posted on 05/17/2017

"Teaching adults is not exactly like teaching younger students." writes Mary Murphy from Sweetwater Union High School District, Division of Adult Education in a March 2017 article on Getting Smart Web site. She goes on to explain that: "Teaching adults is not exactly like teaching younger students. Adult learners don't..."

[Common Sense Education: Protect Your Students' Data and Privacy](#)

Posted on 05/15/2017

Common Sense is the largest independent nonprofit organization committed to helping kids, teachers, and families manage media and technology in life and learning. Common Sense Education provides high-quality digital literacy and citizenship programs to educators and school communities. Together, they work to empower students to harness technology for learning and...

[Convicts at San Quentin State Prison are learning to code](#)

Posted on 05/10/2017

For a select group of motivated inmates at San Quentin, located just outside of San Francisco, hope comes in the form of an intrepid non-profit called The Last Mile, which is teaching convicts how to code and working with Silicon Valley companies to give hardened criminals a shot at success...

[OTAN's Penny Pearson Named 2017 NROC Ambassador of the Year](#)

Posted on 05/08/2017

As a non-profit organization, NROC partners with educators to create open and low-cost courses and tools designed to recognize every student's unique learning needs and preferences. These resources can be adapted and scaled to meet programmatic goals in a variety of instructional settings. "NROC" started as the National Repository of...

[CCAE State Conference is May 4-6, 2017 in Long Beach](#)

Posted on 05/03/2017

The South Coast Section and the State Conference Committee welcome CCAE members and guests to the 2017 CCAE State Conference in Long Beach with an excellent lineup of presentations and activities. The following presentations are sponsored or co-presented by OTAN: 4 Big Tools for Engaging Students in Reading Susan Gaer...

[Skills of U.S. Incarcerated Adults: PIAAC Study](#)

Posted on 05/01/2017

Webinar Date: Thursday May 11, 2017 Time: 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm Presenter: Emily Pawlowski and Derek Holliday (American Institutes for Research) This webinar will provide an overview of results from a recently released study called the Program for International Assessment of Adult Competencies (PIAAC) Prison Study. This study provides...

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[Web-based Activity: Newspapers in Classrooms](#)

Posted on 04/27/2017

In the April 2017 Web-based activity article, Debbie Jensen posits that there are lots of reasons why we should use a newspaper in adult education, but one great one is that we can teach our students critical reading skills including evaluation the source. But sometimes the newspapers are too difficult...

[Two offerings from OTAN: for learners: support math instruction, for teachers: professional development about blended learning](#)

Posted on 04/26/2017

OTAN is offering WIOA funded adult education agencies and opportunity to try out EdReady – an online math assessment and curriculum designed to get learners ready for math for both college and career. Learners choose a math goal such as passing the AccuPlacer or GED. Additionally, there are over 150...

[Submit your nominee for the \\$20,000 Toyota Family Teacher of the Year Award](#)

Posted on 04/24/2017

Do you know an educator making great strides in family engagement? Nominate them for the 2017 Toyota Family Teacher of the Year Award! This prestigious award, made possible by Toyota, recognizes teachers who are positively impacting families by engaging them in school- and community-based educational programming. NCFL is accepting nominations...

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[Adult Education Block Grant \(AEBG\) Technical Assistance Project and New AEBG Website Keyword Search Feature](#)

Posted on 04/17/2017

The AEBG Office is in the process of launching the new Technical Assistance Project (AEBG TAP). This new Project will provide Technical Assistance, Professional Development and Capacity Building to adult education agencies throughout California. While the AEBG TAP is in the process of ramping up to provide these much needed...

[OTAN Spring 2017 Newsletter: Online Connection: Winning Together](#)

Posted on 04/13/2017

Every year OTAN produces three issues of OTAN Online Connection, the OTAN newsletter, to print and mail to members, disseminate electronically, and distribute at conferences and workshops. The latest addition is available in PDF format on the Newsletter page and features the following topics: Recap of the Technology and Distance...

[LAO Provides Overview of Adult Education](#)

Posted on 04/10/2017

The Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO), the Legislature's nonpartisan fiscal advisor, issued a report to the Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Subcommittee No. 1 on Education, which provided an overview of adult education in California. The report provided background and an assessment of the adult education program including key policy issues...

[Adult Learner: Jeffrey George](#)

Posted on 04/07/2017

Jeffrey George came into the Sonoma County Library's Adult Literacy Program in August 2014 to sign up for weekly tutoring and to work on literacy and life goals. He was assessed at a beginning to beginning intermediate literacy level at that time, and his primary motivation was to be able...

[Adult Learner: Patty Lopez](#)

Posted on 04/05/2017

Originally from Michoacán, Mexico, Assemblywoman Patty López came to the U.S. at 12 and grew up in Pacoima. While raising her own family, she started studying at the North Valley Occupational Center. As a mother of four, she knew educating herself was the best way to provide a better future...

[Adult Education Week, April 2-8, 2017](#)

Posted on 04/03/2017

"Today's Students, Tomorrow's Workforce". The purpose of Adult Education Week in California is to draw the attention of the public and of education decision-makers — legislators, school board members, your superintendent, city officials, etc. — to the programs at your school that benefit the community. The idea is to enhance...

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[Technology and Distance Learning Symposium \(TDLS\) 2017 – A Success!](#)

Posted on 03/27/2017

Held on March 10-11, 2017 at the Anaheim Campus of the North Orange Community College District, this year's event was attended by adult educators and administrators from throughout California. Attendees selected from over 30 technology-focused workshops that ranged from increasing technical skills in a specific software program to how to...

[Web-based Activity: With Games, Students Examine their Understanding of and Apply New Vocabulary](#)

Posted on 03/23/2017

In the March 2017 Web-based activity article, Kristi Reyes refers the six-step approach to teach vocabulary by Dr. Robert Marzano, a direct instruction process that begins with the teacher introducing a term. Subsequent activities are designed to expose students to newly-learned vocabulary multiple times, thus reinforcing their comprehension of new...

[Skills of U.S. Incarcerated Adults: PIAAC Study](#)

Posted on 03/17/2017

Webinar Date: Thursday May 11, 2017 Time: 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm Presenter: Katie Landeros (American Institutes for Research) This webinar will provide an overview of results from a recently released study called the Program for International Assessment of Adult Competencies (PIAAC) Prison Study. This study provides information on skills...

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[Adult Education Week, April 2-8, 2017](#)

Posted on 03/13/2017

"Today's Students, Tomorrow's Workforce". The purpose of Adult Education Week in California is to draw the attention of the public and of education decision-makers — legislators, school board members, your superintendent, city officials, etc. — to the programs at your school that benefit the community. The idea is to enhance...

[Technology and Distance Learning Symposium is on March 10-11](#)

Posted on 03/10/2017

OTAN staff and our larger 'family' of field colleagues as presenters and participants are all excited to gather North Orange County Community College District this coming Friday and Saturday, March 10-11, 2017, for the 8th Technology and Distance Learning Symposium. Here are the welcome messages from our leadership: From Joyce...

[National Conference of State Legislatures Creates Searchable Database for Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Legislation](#)

Posted on 03/08/2017

The National Conference of State Legislatures recently launched a searchable database, a result of activity across legislatures in all states following the 2014 passage of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA). The database contains legislation enacted in state legislatures during the 2015 session. Included are issues related to WIOA...

[Professional Development Opportunities to Support Collaboration and IET](#)

Posted on 03/06/2017

With increasing legislative focus on Integrating Education and Training (IET), known best practices of collaborative teams are needed now more than ever. The need to connect across departments and come out of individualized silos is evident as schools move toward integrating adult basic education and English language acquisition with workforce...

[Two professional development opportunities on Saturday, March 4](#)

Posted on 03/04/2017

CCAIE Bay Section Winter Conference & Excellence Awards: Stronger Together Website: <http://www.ccaestate.org/bay/> The conference will be held on Saturday, March 4, 2017 from 8:30 a.m. till 2:30 p.m. in the heated, newly refurbished assembly hall at Berkeley Adult School, 1701 San Pablo Ave., in Berkeley, California. Continental breakfast begins at...

[Comprehensive Adult Student Assessment Systems \(CASAS\): Integrated EL Civics \(English Literacy and Civics Education\)](#)

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[National Skills Coalition: Foundational Skills in the Service Sector](#)

Posted on 03/01/2017

Across the United States, millions of men and women with limited reading, math, or digital problem-solving skills are holding down jobs across the service sector. Employed in retail shops and restaurants, hotels and hospitals, these workers not only help fuel the country's economy — they keep daily life in America...

[Web-based Activity: Instant Grammar Checker](#)

Posted on 02/28/2017

In the February 2017 Web-based activity article, Susan Coulter introduces us to a tool that can help both teachers and learners. The Grammarly Web site (grammarly.com) and associated applications are a great way to help your students with their grammar and writing skills. As they type, Grammarly underlines grammar errors...

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[Digital Learning Day was February 23](#)

Posted on 02/22/2017

With so many new types of digital devices, educational software and mobile apps continuously developed, it's hard to keep up with the latest and greatest advancements in educational technology. In some classrooms and out-of-school programs across the country, educators are doing some pretty amazing things with technology. Yet, these pockets...

[Program available for Technology and Distance Learning Symposium 2017](#)

Posted on 02/21/2017

The eighth Technology and Distance Learning Symposium will be happening next month at Anaheim Campus of North Orange Community College District, School of Continuing Education, on March 10 & 11, 2017. Many thanks to previous hosts: Fresno Adult School in 2016 San Leandro Adult School in 2015 Baldwin Park Adult...

[President's Day Office Closures](#)

Posted on 02/17/2017

OTAN will be closed Monday, February 13 in observance of Abraham Lincoln's birthday. We will also be closed Monday, February 20 in observance of George Washington's birthday.

[Literacy Information and Communication System \(LINCS\): A Literature Review of Technology Use by Underserved Students](#)

Posted on 02/17/2017

Published in 2016, this report summarizes research findings about the conditions and practices that support positive outcomes of technology use for underserved, under-resourced, and underprepared students. This literature review summarizes research findings about the conditions and practices that support positive outcomes of technology use for underserved, under-resourced, and underprepared K-12...

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The LINCS Learning Portal has three Teacher Effectiveness courses. Each free, online course is self-paced and tailored to meet the needs of practitioners and programs, especially mentors and beginning teachers. Introduction to Teacher Effectiveness and Induction is an overview of the Adult Education Teacher Competencies , an introduction to teacher...

[Digital Promise: Integrating Digital Tools for Adult Learners: Four Critical Factors](#)

Posted on 02/09/2017

If we believe in the potential of technology to bring quality digital learning opportunities to this underserved population, what can we do to accelerate adoption? Authored by Patti Constantakis and in partnership with the Joyce Foundation, Mockingbird Education and SRI International, drawn from a study of digital learning technologies' effectiveness...

[Safer Internet Day was February 7](#)

Posted on 02/07/2017

Safer Internet Day , an awareness-raising campaign that started in Europe more than a decade ago, is now celebrated in more than 100 countries. Globally, it's coordinated by the Brussels-based InSafe Network for the European Commission. Safer Internet Day gained official recognition in the U.S. in late 2012, with a...

[National College Transition Network\(NCTN\): Building Integrated Education and Training Programs](#)

Posted on 02/06/2017

Did you miss National College Transition Networks's Building Integrated Education and Training Programs: Tested Strategies and New Endeavors NCTN and NELRC webinar series? Drawn from around the country, presenters described their local context and program design and discussed the impact of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunities Act (WIOA) on program...

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[Supporting Student Success: Accelerated Curriculum for Impact \(Webinar\)](#)

Posted on 02/01/2017

On February 2, 2017, from 1-2 p.m. (EST), the U.S. Department of Education's Supporting Student Success project team will host a webinar titled Supporting Student Success: Accelerated Curriculum for Impact . The one-hour webinar will address curriculum around acceleration and present research supporting it as an educational strategy. In addition...

[Three Webinars for Instructors - Registration now available](#)

Posted on 01/30/2017

The CALPRO Instructors' Forum is hosting a series of 3 webinars on the new English Language Proficiency Standards, one for ESL instructors, but two of general interest to any teacher with English language learners in their class. Register now to assure your place at these events. Feb. 14, 1 pm...

[The January Issue of OTAN's Teachers' Digest is Available](#)

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[Iowa Adult Education and Literacy Virtual Conference: Expanding Possibilities](#)

Posted on 01/24/2017

Literacy is a foundation for further learning, educational attainment, and skill development; thus, sound adult literacy programs and policies can contribute to the enhancement of both individual economic opportunity and national competitiveness. Digital literacy and technology in the adult education classroom is an area of opportunity. In partnership with the...

[Web-based Activity: Helping Students Get Job Ready - Teach Soft Skills](#)

Posted on 01/23/2017

In the January 2017 Web-based activity article, Debbie Jensen writes that "Technical skills are only part of the education our students need to succeed in today's job market. They also need soft skills. Lists of actual soft skills vary, but can include dependability, motivation, communication, creativity, problem solving, flexibility, teamwork,..."

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[California Adult Literacy Professional Development Project\(CALPRO\): Introduction to the English Language Proficiency Standards for Adult Education](#)

Posted on 01/17/2017

Webinar Date: Tuesday January 24, 2017 Time: 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm Presenter: Mariann Fedele-McLeod (Senior Advisor, CALPRO; Director of ELP Standards Project) In October, 2016 the American Institutes for Research, under contract with the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education, published the English Language...

[Center for Law and Social Policy \(CLASP\): Opportunities for Action - IET Model Programs](#)

Posted on 01/13/2017

This memo from CLASP's Opportunities for Action series features career pathway models that use Integrated Education and Training (IET) programs to serve diverse learners in numerous settings. The final Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) regulations, released earlier this year, provide both assurance and incentives for adult education, workforce development,...

[Panel Summary: Leveraging Trends in Blended, Distance, and Mobile Learning](#)

Posted on 01/09/2017

On November 14, 2016 The EdTech Center at World Education hosted a panel at NCTN's Effective Transitions in Adult Education annual conference, which is dedicated to strengthening adult education's capacity to ensure that adult learners have access to and success in the college, occupational training and career they need to...

[Europe: The benefits of recognising refugee qualifications](#)

Posted on 01/05/2017

EPALE is the Electronic Platform for Adult Learning in Europe. In the November 16, 2016 post Simon Broek hosts an article by Dr. Roger Y. Chao Jr., a senior consultant for UNESCO – International Center for Higher Education Innovation, about the topics of social inclusion, immigrants and validation of prior learning...

[EduTopia: Education Research Highlights from 2016](#)

Posted on 01/04/2017

In her December 8 2016 article Youki Terada offers a look at the research that made an impact in 2016, from growth mindset in science class to effective stress-reduction strategies for teachers and students. Terada starts by stating that "In 2016, we learned more about how teachers feel about their..."

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[Registration Open for Technology and Distance Learning Symposium 2017](#)

Posted on 01/03/2017

California adult education providers, OTAN and the North Orange County Community College, School of Continuing Education invite you to two days (March 10–11, 2017) of new information, dynamic presentations, and plenty of hands-on skill development to start or grow your blended/ distance learning programs and enhance technology integration! Registration for...

[Happy Holidays!](#)

Posted on 12/28/2016

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[CALPRO Online Courses - Registration for Spring 2017 Now Available](#)

Posted on 12/22/2016

CALPRO is offering more online professional learning opportunities in spring 2017. These classes are just 4 weeks long, and require about 3 hours a week of your time. Enrollment is limited and they fill up fast. Check the CALPRO Event Calendar to learn more and register! Understanding the Adult Learner...

[Call for Proposals Open for Technology and Distance Learning Symposium 2017](#)

Posted on 12/21/2016

California adult education providers, You are invited to submit a proposal for a presentation at the Technology and Distance Learning Symposium 2017 on March 10 and 11 organized by OTAN and the North Orange County Community College, School of Continuing Education. This event will offer relevant and new information, dynamic presentations,...

[U.S. Department of Education Launches \\$680,000 Challenge for Virtual and Augmented Reality Learning Experiences](#)

Posted on 12/19/2016

The U.S. Department of Education launched the EdSim Challenge , a \$680,000 competition to design the next-generation of educational simulations that strengthen career and technical skills. The Challenge calls upon the virtual reality, video game developer, and educational technology communities to submit concepts for immersive simulations that will prepare students...

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[Groups Issue Guidance on Making Digital Learning Accessible to All](#)

Posted on 12/14/2016

Two organizations have put together a 20-page guide to help steer state and district education leaders toward thinking about how to embed accessibility into their decision-making. The "Digital Accessibility Toolkit " was published by the Consortium on School Networking (CoSN) and the Center on Technology and Disability (CTD) . While...

[SkillsCommons.org: Your Place for Finding Over 6,500 Free Workforce Development Resources](#)

Posted on 12/12/2016

Looking for free resources to aid in designing, managing, and expanding courses for career training? SkillsCommons is an online repository hosting thousands of free and openly licensed course and educational program support materials being developed by nearly 700 colleges across the U.S., funded by the U.S. Department of Labor's TAACCCT...

[Highlights from the U.S. PIAAC Survey of Incarcerated Adults: Their Skills, Work Experience, Education, and Training](#)

Posted on 12/09/2016

On Nov. 15, 2016, the Department of Education's National Center for Education Statistics released the latest installment of findings from the Survey of Adult Skills, part of the Program for the International Assessment of Adult Competencies (PIAAC). This report, Highlights from the U.S. PIAAC Survey of Incarcerated Adults: Their Skills,...

[Digital Promise: Learning Should Be Fun: Gaming for Adult Learners](#)

Posted on 12/07/2016

OTAN is reposting an article by Peter Stidwill on Digital Promise Web site Twenty English language learners, gathered at an East Boston community-based organization, are playing a storytelling game on their mobile phones. After beating the game and receiving a check mark for a successful mission, the players return to...

[Sustainability Toolkit Launched by the U.S. Department of Labor](#)

Posted on 12/05/2016

The new Sustainability Toolkit was released recently by the U.S. Department of Labor's Employment and Training Administration as part of its technical assistance for Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College Career Training (TAACCCT) grantees. It provides a framework that can be used by a wide range of grantees. The tool kit...

[The Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education \(OCTAE\) Hosts First Advancing Equity Symposium](#)

Posted on 11/30/2016

On Oct. 31, the Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education hosted its first Advancing Equity Symposium to support the increased emphasis the Obama Administration is giving to equity for all populations across the education spectrum. The symposium featured a keynote address by Secretary of Education John B. King, Jr.,...

[California Adult Literacy Professional Development Project \(CALPRO\): Mentoring for Adult Education Instruction Resources](#)

Posted on 11/28/2016

CALPRO has expanded its online video library to include a collection of videos and multi-media resources about mentoring for adult education instruction. This new addition to the Online Video Library features a collection of brief, interactive presentations by Dr. Maricel Santos and supplementary resources on mentoring for adult education...

[Our office will be closed Wednesday, November 23 – Friday November 25 to celebrate Thanksgiving](#)

Posted on 11/23/2016

[OTAN is on Social Media](#)

Posted on 11/21/2016

When on OTAN's home page, click on the icons for Twitter, Facebook, YouTube and LinkedIn to subscribe to the information, tools and resources for adult basic education providers in California and wider. OTAN's YouTube channel is organized in playlists featuring presentations from the multiple years of the Technology and Distance...

[English Language Proficiency \(ELP\) Standards for Adult Education with Correspondences to College and Career Readiness Standards](#)

Posted on 11/18/2016

The American Institutes for Research has released a new report entitled English Language Proficiency (ELP) Standards for Adult Education with Correspondences to College and Career Readiness Standards for English Language Arts and Literacy, and Mathematical and Science Practices. The report identifies ELP standards to help ensure that adult English language...

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[National Apprenticeship Week 2016, November 14 – 20, 2016](#)

Posted on 11/16/2016

Artwork by Jobs for the Future President Barack Obama proclaimed the week of November 2, 2015, as the first Annual National Apprenticeship Week, also referred to as NAW. Across the nation through over 300 events in 47 states, communities large and small recognized the important role Apprentices play in offering...

[OTAN Fall 2016 Newsletter: Online Connection: Digital Literacy](#)

Posted on 11/14/2016

Every year OTAN produces three issues of OTAN Online Connection, the OTAN newsletter, to print and mail to members, disseminate electronically, and distribute at conferences and workshops. The latest addition is available in PDF format on the Newsletter page and features the following topics: Technology Use in Corrections OTAN Bootcamp...

[Webinar Series - Building Integrated Education and Training \(IET\) Programs: Tested Strategies and New Endeavors](#)

Posted on 11/10/2016

This series of webinars from World Education, Inc. highlights 9 programs that are developing new services or honing well-established programs that integrate education and training. Drawn from around the country, these programs provide a range of models that are responsive to their contexts. Presenters will describe their local context and...

[Fostering Student Success through Mentoring](#)

Posted on 11/07/2016

The National College Transition Network (NCTN) at World Education partnered with three Boston-area adult learning programs - Asian-American Civic Association, X-Cel Education, and Cambridge Community Learning Center - and two community colleges: Bunker Hill Community College and Roxbury Community College. This project provided mentoring services to 16 adult...

[Financial Workshop Kits by the National Endowment for Financial Education](#)

Posted on 11/03/2016

Financial Workshop Kits is a program of the National Endowment for Financial Education® (NEFE®) which provides financial education and practical information to people at all financial stages. NEFE believes that regardless of background or income level more financially informed individuals are better able to take control of their circumstances...

[Empowering Adults to Thrive at Work](#)

Posted on 11/01/2016

A recent report from SRI Education and The Joyce Foundation, Empowering Adults to Thrive at Work: Personal Success Skills for 21st Century Jobs, discusses how evidence-based research provides guidance for promoting the personal success skills for adults who are striving to build sustainable 21st-century careers. As research shows, there are...

[Searching for an Adult Education Director to Oversee OTAN and CAERC](#)

Posted on 10/27/2016

Sacramento County Office of Education is searching for a Director, Adult Education who will under general direction, manage and provide oversight for regional and state adult education projects and services including the Capital Adult Education Regional Consortium (CAERC) and Outreach and Technical Assistance Network (OTAN). Additionally the Director, Adult Education...

[Employability Skills Resource Toolkit](#)

Posted on 10/24/2016

The National Adult Education Professional Development Consortium, Inc. recently acknowledged the work of the North Carolina (NC) Community College System for curriculum development that addresses the importance of teaching employability skills. As part of the North Carolina Community College System's Code Green Super Curriculum Improvement Project (CIP), the committee identified...

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[OTAN Welcomes Participants in the Digital Leadership Academy 2016-2018](#)

Posted on 10/20/2016

Outreach and Technical Assistance Network (OTAN) has a long history of providing professional development, resource and technical support to adult education agencies and educators for over 25 years. Services provided include online workshops and face-to-face training in promising practices for technology integration, online and blended learning resources and training, electronic...

[National Coalition for Literacy 2016 Awards](#)

Posted on 10/19/2016

Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education (OCTAE) is proud to have witnessed the Literacy Leadership Award given by the National Coalition for Literacy (NCL) to the Acting Assistant Secretary Johan E. Uvin on September 27, 2016. The ceremony is held in honor of Adult Education and Family Literacy Week...

[Common Sense Education: Digital Citizenship Week, October 16-22](#)

Posted on 10/17/2016

OTAN is re-posting the original text by the CommonSense Media. However, the activities suggested for kids can work with many adult learners, too. It's here again: Digital Citizenship Week! What can you do to celebrate kids using technology safely, responsibly, and respectfully? Empower them in three simple steps: Take the...

[Digital Promise: Experiment & Iterate: How to Implement Effective Education Technology](#)

Posted on 10/14/2016

Digital Promise is working to improve digital learning opportunities for underserved adults in the United States. They connect entrepreneurs, educators, and researchers to support and advance the development and use of educational technology that expands career pathways and improves the quality of life for these learners. Trying something new, adjusting...

[The Digital Citizenship Summit Is October 28, 2016](#)

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The DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP SUMMIT brings together people, organizations, and businesses throughout the world to promote the safe, savvy, and ethical use of social media & tech. They believe that by creating a multi-stakeholder participatory approach the community can find better solutions, push forward best practices, and help move the needle...

[National Advancing Equity in Adult, Community College, and Career and Technical Education Symposium - October 31](#)

Posted on 10/11/2016

Registration and hotel accommodations are now available for the National Advancing Equity in Adult, Community College, and Career and Technical Education Symposium. The National Advancing Equity in Adult, Community College, and Career and Technical Education Symposium will be held in Washington, D.C., on Oct. 31. This is ED's first convening...

[Opportunity for Mexican Nationals to Earn a High School Certificate in the United States](#)

Posted on 10/10/2016

The California Department of Education Adult Education Office in collaboration with the Consulate General of Mexico in Sacramento is presenting an opportunity to join the growing number of agencies offering an innovative program called Plazas Comunitarias. This educational program provides Mexican nationals who are living in the United States an...

[Building the Next Generation of Assessments in Education](#)

Posted on 10/07/2016

In October 2015, in a Testing Action Plan, President Obama called for a new approach to testing and assessment to better serve students. The plan outlines a set of principles to reduce the time spent on standardized tests, and improve the quality and usefulness of tests for students and educators...

[Digital Promise: How Educators Can Foster Student Motivation](#)

Posted on 10/05/2016

Digital Promise spoke with Dr. Christina Hinton, faculty member at the Harvard Graduate School of Education and Founder and Executive Director of Research Schools International (RSI), and Dr. Tom Callahan, Director of the Merck-Horton Center for Teaching and Learning, and educator at St. George's School in Middletown, Rhode Island, to...

[Supporting Student Success: Discussions about Adult Education and Developmental Education Reform in Community Colleges](#)

Posted on 10/03/2016

Earning a postsecondary degree or credential has become a prerequisite for the growing jobs of the new economy. President Obama has challenged every American to commit to at

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[OCTAE - Mapping Upward Technical Assistance Institute](#)

Posted on 09/28/2016

The Mapping Upward project, a national activity led by OCTAE's Division of Academic and Technical Education, selected four sector-focused networks representing twelve colleges to receive technical assistance to support the embedding of stackable, industry-recognized credentials within technical associate degree programs. The four college networks selected to participate in the project...

[California Department of Education Announces New Division Director for Career and College Transition Division](#)

Posted on 09/27/2016

Donna Wyatt is the new Career and College Transition Division Director at the California Department of Education (CDE). State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Tom Torlakson, made the announcement on September 14, 2016. A long-time educator, Wyatt has more than 25 years of experience teaching, developing, and administering Career Technical Education...

[National Adult Ed and Family Literacy Week, September 26-October 1](#)

Posted on 09/26/2016

Adult Ed and Family Literacy Week, #AEFLWeek, is a wonderful opportunity to reach out to the media and share your story! The Commission On Adult Basic Education (COABE) has developed a FREE Media Toolkit which you are welcome to download, along with our archived webinar about talking to the...

[LINCS Resource Collection: Adult Education Teacher Competencies Self-Assessment](#)

Posted on 09/23/2016

The Adult Education Teacher Competencies are designed to identify the knowledge and skills needed by adult education teachers to improve student learning and performance. They are organized into four broad areas of skills and knowledge (domains) and then into specific demonstrable and observable areas of performance (competencies). Each of the...

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[Technology and Distance Learning Plan Program Year 2016-17: California Department of Education Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, Title II: Adult Education and Family Literacy Act](#)

Posted on 09/19/2016

The Technology and Distance Learning Plan is now open for submissions. This Technology and Distance Learning Plan is one of the Program and Accountability requirements for all California agencies approved for funding in 2016-2017 for the grant under the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, Title II: Adult Education and...

[October 31, 2017 - Advancing Equity in Adult, Community College, and Career and Technical Education Symposium](#)

Posted on 09/16/2016

In support of President Obama's call to action on expanding college opportunity, and under Secretary King's leadership, the U.S. Department of Education (ED) has made significant improvements in making sure that all students—regardless of income, home language, zip code, gender, sexual preference, race or disability—have the chance to learn...

[California Consortium--CASAS National Summer Institute Transitioning From WIA TO WIOA: Developing a New State Plan for California](#)

Posted on 09/14/2016

The California Consortium Meeting at the CASAS National Summer Institute addressed opportunities and challenges as the state transitions from WIA to WIOA, the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act. Pat Rickard, CASAS President, began the Consortium by welcoming the meeting participants. Christian Nelson, Adult Education Office Administrator, facilitated a panel discussion...

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[Teaching Channel's Resources about Growth Mindset](#)

Posted on 09/08/2016

Teaching Channel's mission is to create an environment where teachers can watch, share, and learn new techniques to help every student grow. They believe teachers should have opportunities to learn from each other... whenever they want; and teachers tell them that video has become essential to helping them see a...

[California Department of Education: Immigrant Integration Initiative](#)

Posted on 09/06/2016

In order to better serve our adult English Language Learners, multiple state agencies are convening to support the alignment of resources and services to support the Governor's Office Immigrant Integration initiative. On July 21st, nearly 100 workforce, adult education, community college, local board, one stop providers, community organizations, and social...

[Digital Leadership Academy for #AdultEdu - Apply Now](#)

Posted on 09/02/2016

OTAN is announcing the start of a new professional development project. The Digital Leadership Academy (DLAC) will assist agencies in meeting their technology integration, or online or blended teaching goals. The program is designed to be flexible in how agencies can best use the resources offered by OTAN to support their...

[Join a massive open online course \(MOOC\) to develop open educational resources for Adult Basic Education](#)

Posted on 08/29/2016

Join a MOOC to develop open educational resources for Adult Basic Education. This free online course is offered by Designers for Learning, a nonprofit based in Chicago providing instructional design support through service-learning. We have a dual mission in this upcoming course to offer curriculum development support to adult...

[CALPRO is offering these two webinars in September as part of the Instructors' Forum series](#)

Posted on 08/26/2016

Community College 101: Support Services for Transitioning Students Friday, September 16, 2016, 1 – 2 pm What do your students need to know about transferring to a community college, or from non-credit classes to credit? What options do they have in terms of cost? What are the different pathways they...

[National Adult Ed and Family Literacy Week, September 26-October 1](#)

Posted on 08/24/2016

Adult Ed and Family Literacy Week, #AEFLWeek, is a wonderful opportunity to reach out to the media and share your story! The Commission On Adult Basic Education (COABE) has developed a FREE Media Toolkit which you are welcome to download, along with our archived webinar about talking to the...

[Adult Education: Edtech's Next Act of Disruption](#)

Posted on 08/22/2016

In his August 8, 2016 article, Kevin Bauman posits that: "Despite its 'basic' image, adult education possesses the right set of circumstances to realize the promise of modern education and to illustrate the classic theory of disruptive innovation, where some are willing and able to use alternative pathways to forge..."

[CDE Management Bulletin: WIOA, Title II: AEFLA](#)

Posted on 08/19/2016

The California Department of Education (CDE) has developed a Management Bulletin that "provides guidance, regarding fees, to local educational agencies (school districts, county offices of education, and charter schools) maintaining adult classes for which they receive federal grant funding under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act." The Management Bulletin is...

[The August Issue of OTAN's Administrators' Digest is Available](#)

Posted on 08/17/2016

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[Digital Leadership Academy for #AdultEdu - Apply Now](#)

Posted on 08/16/2016

OTAN is announcing the start of a new professional development project. The Digital Leadership Academy (DLAC) will assist agencies in meeting their technology integration, or online or blended teaching goals. The program is designed to be flexible in how agencies can best use the resources offered by OTAN to support their...

[Getting Smart: Career Awareness: Start Early, Go Online, Get Work Experience](#)

Posted on 08/15/2016

On July 17, 2016, Tom Vander Ark advocates that every young person deserves broad exposure to career options starting in middle school. That means access to online resources, good advice, work experiences, career and technical options and maker experiences. We would like to add that this holds true for adult...

[LINCS ESL Pro Resource Collection](#)

Posted on 08/12/2016

Office of Career, Technical and Adult Education at the U.S. Department of Education has historically responded to the need to improve the adult English Language instructional

workforce through its initiatives, such as ELL-U, LINC, TELL, CAELA Network, Teacher Effectiveness, Immigrant Integration, and its EL/Civics formula grant program. Through these efforts,...

[State Schools Superintendent Tom Torlakson Announces Launch of #GoOpen Initiative](#)

Posted on 08/10/2016

SACRAMENTO—California Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson announced the launch of both a new statewide #GoOpen initiative and Collaboration in Common, an online professional learning community and resource exchange platform for all California educators. In joining the #GoOpen initiative, California becomes the sixteenth state recognized by the U.S. Department of...

[Integrating Digital Literacy Into English Language Instruction: Issue Brief](#)

Posted on 08/08/2016

In today's society and economy, what it means to be literate has expanded to include the ability to use digital technology for literacy tasks. As a result, if adult English language learners are to succeed, they need to have digital literacy. This issue brief is intended to serve as an...

[KQED MindShift: 30 Apps Librarians Recommend](#)

Posted on 08/05/2016

Katrina Schwartz acknowledges that "Tool discovery is often a challenge for teachers interested in finding ways to use technology that will change the way they and their students work. With so much going on in the classroom, many teachers don't have the time to test out various apps and find..."

[Accelerating Opportunity Initiative: New Evaluation Report Released](#)

Posted on 08/03/2016

Aspen Workforce Strategies Initiative (WSI), in collaboration with the Urban Institute, recently released a new evaluation report, Implementation of Accelerating Opportunity: Final Implementation Findings with Lessons for the Field. The Accelerating Opportunity (AO) initiative is intended to expand economic opportunities for adult students with low basic skills...

[National Skills Coalition Releases New Report on Model Immigrant Skill-Building Programs](#)

Posted on 08/01/2016

The National Skills Coalition (NSC) recently released a new report, Upskilling the New American Workforce: Demand-Driven Programs that Foster Immigrant Worker Success & Policies that Can Take Them to Scale, showcasing seven program models from New York, Minnesota, Oregon, and California. The examples provided illustrate a variety of effective...

[SNAP to Skills](#)

Posted on 07/29/2016

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) participants' need for the education and training required to become economically self-sufficient is growing increasingly urgent. The vast majority of jobs in the future will require at least some education beyond high school, yet many SNAP participants have not reached this level of educational attainment...

[CoSN Digital Equity Toolkit](#)

Posted on 07/27/2016

Student access to robust digital tools is key to their success as 21st century citizens. Yet many students from economically disadvantaged families have limited access to these tools both at school and at home. Students without home access to high quality broadband connectivity are at a disadvantage, unable to realize...

[The July Issue of OTAN's Administrators' Digest is Available](#)

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[Mobile Learning: Making the Digital Promise Real](#)

Posted on 07/25/2016

In a guest blog post on Digital Promise Blog about Adult Education, Alison Ascher Webber, the Associate Director of the Avasant Foundation and Advisor to Cell-Ed, describes the vast and largely untapped mobile education technology market for low-skilled adults. The convenience of a mobile device may be the key to...

[USC Rossier Toolkit for Digitally-Literate Teachers](#)

Posted on 07/20/2016

Digital literacy is defined as the ability to find, evaluate, share and create content using the internet — but it's much more than that. Digital literacy skills (also referred to as "21st century learning skills") have permeated the classroom, becoming requirements for both teachers and students. To address this need,...

[California Edge Campaign: Data to Serve Policy, Programs, and People](#)

Posted on 07/18/2016

The California EDGE (Education Diversity and Growth in the Economy) Campaign is a non-partisan coalition of groups with diverse and even divergent outlooks but united in the belief that California's future economic growth rests in large measure on the skill base of its workers. The members of the coalition are:...

[New from CALPRO: Videos on Career Pathways for Adult Learning](#)

Posted on 07/13/2016

CALPRO has expanded its online Video Library to include a collection of videos and multi-media resources about career pathways for adult learners. The collection includes presentations on how to contextualize career learning and videos of related classroom demonstrations. Additionally, the page features links to supplemental instructional materials and to an...

[Department of Education Releases New Foster Care Transition Tool Kit](#)

Posted on 07/11/2016

The U.S. Department of Education, in partnership with the departments of Health and Human Services, Housing and Urban Development, Transportation, and Labor, recently released the Foster Care Transition Toolkit to support current and former foster youths who want to pursue college and career opportunities. The tool kit incorporates input from...

[New CALPRO course: Teaching Critical Thinking Skills](#)

Posted on 07/07/2016

Critical thinking skills are needed across the curriculum and in every subject area. They are survival skills in our complex world and are required for success in employment and further education. In CALPRO's newest self-directed online course, "Teaching Critical Thinking Skills," you can learn how to help your students become...

[New ISTE standards aim to develop lifelong learners](#)

Posted on 07/05/2016

When ISTE released its first student standards in 1998, digital technology in schools was mostly limited to a computer lab students visited once or twice a week. Technology use was primarily focused on productivity and, during school hours, students learned how to use a word processor or manipulate spread sheets....

[New WIOA Regulations Released](#)

Posted on 07/01/2016

WASHINGTON, June 30, 2016 – The U.S. Departments of Labor and Education made publicly available the final rules to implement the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, an historic expansion of opportunity for the nation's job seekers, workers and employers. The regulations deliver on need to modernize the nation's workforce system and...

[How can schools benefit from Open Educational Resources?](#)

Posted on 06/30/2016

In a recent blog post, Thomas C. Murray, Director of Innovation at Future Ready Schools, summarizes his online conversation with Andy Marcinek, Chief Open Education Advisor at the US Department of Education (ED), to explore how schools can benefit from Open Educational Resources (OERs) and what is being done...

[FCC Modernizes Lifeline Program for the Digital Age](#)

Posted on 06/27/2016

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has modernized and reformed its Lifeline program to help low-income consumers afford access to broadband Internet access. Lifeline is a program that has helped make telephone service affordable for low-income Americans since 1985. OCTAE has long championed increased access to the Internet for teachers, students,...

[World-renowned Physicist Michio Kaku to Explore Crossroads Between the Brain and Learning in ISTE 2016 Opening Keynote](#)

Posted on 06/24/2016

The International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE®) will present three thought-provoking keynote speakers who will inspire attendees to learn differently and think creatively at ISTE 2016, June 26-19 at the Colorado Convention Center in Denver. "This year's keynotes will hit us right between the eyes at the intersection of..."

[Edutopia: QR Codes Can Do That?](#)

Posted on 06/22/2016

In an article under Mobile Learning category, Monica Burns, writes about the potential of Quick Response (QR) codes in education. Burns list five things that you may not know about QR codes containing some simple ideas that definitely pack a punch. These tips include strategies for differentiating instruction, distributing...

[High School Equivalency Test Preparation](#)

Posted on 06/20/2016

In the June web-based Activity article Susan Coulter writes "Summer is here and free online test prep resources are a great way to keep your students engaged and learning outside the classroom. Finish Your Diploma - Skip the Drama is a motivational site set up by the Dollar General Literacy..."

[Common Sense Education: Bytes & Bites: A Community Dinner Guide About Digital Life](#)

Posted on 06/17/2016

Looking for a way to bring families in your community together and have interesting, relevant conversations about social media and technology? Host a Community Media Dinner! Invite families to join an evening filled with adults and kids sharing perspectives, discussing hot topics, and learning more about each other's experiences. Parents...

[Sign up for a CALPRO Online Course This Summer!](#)

Posted on 06/15/2016

Summer is a great time to take advantage of professional development, and CALPRO is offering three online courses beginning in July. Each course is four weeks long and requires

about 3 hours per week of your time. Spend a few weeks this summer thinking and practicing with a group of...

[Digital Promise: How to Crowdsource Quality Resources for Adult Learners](#)

Posted on 06/13/2016

In the May 20, 2016 article, Jennifer Maddrell, the founder of Designers for Learning, describes their crowdsourcing effort to develop free open educational resources (OER) for adults with low math and literacy skills. This was done as a massive open online course (MOOC) on Canvas Network and sought out...

[The June Issue of OTAN's Administrators' Digests is Available](#)

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[Camp Wonderopolis™ 2016 – Flex Your Wonder](#)

Posted on 06/08/2016

Camp Wonderopolis™ is a free online summer-learning destination by National Center for Families Learning. Sign up now and secure your position at the starting gate when Camp starts June 13. This year's Camp features six new tracks of Wonder and learning where you, your group, or your family can explore...

[MindShift: Three Brain Teasers to Spur Logical Thinking and Collaboration](#)

Posted on 06/06/2016

In the Teaching Strategies section of the KQED's MindShift blog, Katrina Schwartz shares that there are lots of ways to stretch student thinking and get them talking to each other about ideas. One fun way is through riddles that require inductive reasoning, critical thinking and hopefully some good collaboration around...

[The National College Transition Network Conference - Call for Presenters Extended](#)

Posted on 06/03/2016

The National College Transition Network at World Education, Inc. will hold its 10th national conference on Effective Transitions in Adult Education on November 14 - 16, 2016 at the Crowne Plaza at the Crossings, Providence, RI. We invite you to submit a workshop proposal and share an innovative and effective...

[Updated Career Pathways Toolkit by DOL](#)

Posted on 06/02/2016

On December 1, the Employment and Training Administration (ETA) released Training and Employment Notice (TEN) 17-15 on the release of the updated Career Pathways Toolkit: A Guide for System Development. The toolkit was developed in cooperation with Departments of Education, Health and Human Services, Transportation and Energy. In September...

[OTAN Online Bootcamp: June 6 - 17, 2017](#)

Posted on 05/31/2016

Summer is approaching and it is a time for rest, relaxation and rejuvenation! Keeping your mind engaged and active by learning new skills is not only good for your brain, it can benefit your learners too! OTAN's Summer Bootcamp is one option! As you relax poolside this summer consider joining...

[EveryoneOn and AT&T Access Program Webinar](#)

Posted on 05/27/2016

EveryoneOn, a national nonprofit organization working to close the digital divide, is collaborating with AT&T as an outreach partner to inform diverse organizations about the Access from AT&T program. The goal of the Access from AT&T program is to provide affordable wireline Internet service to eligible households. The Access Program...

[OTAN Bootcamp Online: June 6 - 17, 2017](#)

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Summer is approaching and it is a time for rest, relaxation and rejuvenation! Keeping your mind engaged and active by learning new skills can be not only good for your brain, it can benefit your learners too! You likely have some of your favorite "go to" resources to learn about...

[New Dear Colleague Letter Clarifies Key Pell "Ability to Benefit" Definition](#)

Posted on 05/25/2016

A new "Dear Colleague" letter released May 9, 2016 clarifies changes made by the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2016 to the definition of an eligible career pathway program and Federal Pell Grant award amounts for students enrolled in those programs. Specifically, the letter confirms that the definition of an eligible...

[Career Pathways Leading Improved Services](#)

Posted on 05/23/2016

Ensuring that everyone in this nation is equipped with the knowledge and skills they need to succeed is crucial in our competitive, global economy. One key part of this effort is ensuring that young people and adults of all skill levels who are transitioning to new careers or looking to...

[The May Issue of OTAN's Administrators' Digests is Available](#)

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[Online Health Resources for Low Level Readers](#)

Posted on 05/18/2016

In the May Web-based Activity article Debbie Jensen writes "One skill we want to share with our students is the ability to access health information and understand what they read. The problem is that often health advice and information is written at a high reading level. What can we do?..."

[The May Issue of OTAN's Teachers' Digest is Available](#)

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The May 2016 issue of OTAN's Teachers' digest is available here. The Teachers' Digest is a monthly online publication that features links to articles on the OTAN Web site, as well as links to interesting online resources and information featured by other adult education and education technology entities. Information...

[New Reentry Toolkit and Education Framework](#)

Posted on 05/13/2016

The U.S. Department of Education, in partnership with the Justice Department's Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, has just awarded four prisoner reentry grants totaling \$5.7 million. It has also issued a new reentry toolkit of resources to improve outcomes for students formerly incarcerated. The grants have gone to...

[The Institute for Healthcare Advancement offers News about Adult Literacy](#)

Posted on 05/11/2016

The January 2016 issue of Family Medicine reports on a study comparing two approaches to assessing literacy through the Rapid Estimate of Adult Literacy in Medicine (REALM), interview by telephone and the traditional in-person assessment. REALM administered by telephone was found to be just as effective as the more labor...

[Nominate the Toyota Family Teacher of the Year](#)

Posted on 05/09/2016

NCFL has issued a call for nominations to find this year's Toyota Family Teacher of the Year, an outstanding two-generation educator dedicated to improving literacy educational outcomes among youth and adults. This is the 20th year for the Toyota-funded, NCFL-led award. The educator selected as Toyota Family Teacher of the...

[160 Years of Adult Education History: OTAN Celebrates with Refreshed Web Site](#)

Posted on 05/06/2016

Through its adult education programs, California offers learners a diverse range of knowledge and skills necessary to participate effectively as citizens, workers, parents, and family and community members. Adult education has been an important part of California's education system since the early years of statehood. The first recorded adult school...

[Academic Preparedness of Low-Income Students](#)

Posted on 05/04/2016

Low-income students score significantly below national averages on meeting college readiness benchmarks, according to ACT's recent report, The Condition of College & Career Readiness 2015: Students from Low-Income Families. Equally disturbing is the fact that this pattern of underachievement is persistent. For the sixth consecutive year, low-income students performed...

[Consumer.gov and Consumidor.gov Provide Free Consumer Protection Tools for Educators and Students](#)

Posted on 05/02/2016

Looking for free tools to help students understand consumer protection basics—including financial literacy—in plain and simple language? The Federal Trade Commission has a free educational website—Consumer.gov in English and Consumidor.gov in Spanish—to help people avoid scams, manage their money, use credit and loans carefully, and protect their personal information. The...

[Parent Engagement Strategies for English Language Learners](#)

Posted on 04/29/2016

In the March 16, 2016 article, Meriwynn Mansori, Manager of Curriculum at VIF International Education, states that research shows that parental engagement pays off for all students. Regardless of family income or background, students with engaged parents are more likely to: Earn higher grades and test scores, and enroll...

[Interactive Map: Eligible-To-Naturalize in the U.S.](#)

Posted on 04/27/2016

The Center for the Study of Immigrant Integration (CSII) at the University of Southern California has unveiled a new tool that allows you to search for populations eligible for naturalization - down to the state, county, and more granular levels. There are three measures that can be mapped by clicking...

[Immigrants and WIOA Services: Comparison of Sociodemographic Characteristics of Native- and Foreign-Born Adults in the United States](#)

Posted on 04/25/2016

The Migration Policy Institute's National Center on Immigrant Integration Policy has released a set of state-level fact sheets examining key characteristics of adult native- and foreign-born populations and the relevance of these characteristics to implementation of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA). Policies guiding WIOA's implementation will have a...

[Join OTAN at CCAE State Conference, April 21-23, 2016](#)

Posted on 04/20/2016

According to Tim Doyle, the conference chair, the Bay Area Chapter members are honored and delighted to host this year's conference "Adult Education: The Bridge to College, Careers, and Communities". The theme proudly distinguishes the role and the impact adult educators make on a daily basis throughout our state. These...

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[Slideware Options for Making Great Presentations, Part II](#)

Posted on 04/15/2016

In the April Web-based Activity article Kristi Reyes writes "By using a multi-sensory approach to teaching, instructors can involve students in lecture beyond listening." Slideshows are an effective way for teachers to deliver course content because they support lectures with visual input. Many slideware features additionally allow for multi-sensory input,...

[Families Learning Summit, October 17-19, 2016](#)

Posted on 04/13/2016

National Center for Families Learning's Families Learning Summit will take place Monday, October 17, 2016 8:30 AM - Wednesday, October 19, 2016 12:00 PM at the Detroit Marriott at the Renaissance Center. 2016 Call for Proposals NCFL is now seeking proposals that reflect the best thinking and practices in literacy...

[The April Issue of OTAN's Teachers' Digest is Available](#)

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[Not going to COABE? Use the App](#)

Posted on 04/10/2016

From April 10 to 13, 2016 more than 1,400 conferees will enjoy numerous opportunities with peers in adult education from around the country during 2016 COABE/TALAE National Conference . They will learn about new best practices and receive targeted training from national level speakers. Twelve strands—comprised of more than 200...

[State Board of Education Approves CDE Recommendation to Lower the GED Passing Score](#)

Posted on 04/08/2016

At the March 9, 2016 California State Board of Education (SBE) Meeting, the SBE heard and approved a recommendation submitted by General Educational Development Testing Service (GEDTS®) to lower the passing score for the General Educational Development (GED®) test from 150 to 145. California Education Code Section 51420 requires that...

[OTAN Spring 2016 Newsletter: Online Connection: Connect with Tech](#)

Posted on 04/06/2016

Every year OTAN produces three issues of OTAN Online Connection, the OTAN newsletter, to print and mail to members, disseminate electronically, and distribute at conferences and workshops. The latest addition is available in PDF format on the Newsletter page and features the following topics: After the Technology and Distance Learning...

[Adult Education Week to be April 3-9, 2016](#)

Posted on 04/04/2016

SCR 116, was introduced on March 1, 2016 by the California Senator Tony Mendoza (D), Representing District 32. This bill would proclaim the week of April 3, 2016, to April 9, 2016, inclusive, as Adult Education Week, and would honor the teachers, administrators, classified staff, and students of adult education...

[Another Successful Technology and Distance Learning Symposium. Thank you, Fresno!](#)

Posted on 04/01/2016

Fresno Adult School was the setting for the exciting and well-attended TDLs 16. During the March 11 and 12 event, approximately 40 sessions were offered. Topics included digital badging, interactive assessments, open educational resources, online collaboration, using mobile devices, resources for citizenship preparation, and more. Two new features this year...

[Open Education Week March 7-11, 2016](#)

Posted on 03/28/2016

The goal of Open Education Week is to raise awareness of free and open education opportunities that exist for everyone, everywhere, right now. The organizers want to highlight how open education can help people meet their goals in education, whether it's to develop skills and knowledge for work, supporting formal...

[Developers and Adult Ed Programs Collaborate to Make Apps for Low-Skilled Learners](#)

Posted on 03/25/2016

According to a national report from Tyton Partners on the state of adult education and technology, 86 percent of administrators want technology for their students and are willing to use their resources to get the best products possible. Yet there's a bit of a dilemma when looking deeper into how...

[California Edge Campaign: Workforce Agenda for 2016](#)

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[My Hero - Inspirational Reading and Writing Activities](#)

Posted on 03/17/2016

In the March Web-based Activity article Susan Coulter writes "Who are the heroes, famous people, or role models in our society?" My Hero uses media and technology to bring to life role models who selflessly devote themselves to others in the world, overcoming personal hardships. These individuals help us to...

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[U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Announces Citizenship and Integration Grant Program](#)

Posted on 03/14/2016

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) is now accepting applications for two funding opportunities under the Citizenship and Integration Grant Program. These are competitive grant opportunities for organizations that prepare permanent residents for naturalization and promote civic integration through increased knowledge of English, U.S. history and civics. The two programs...

[Technology and Distance Learning Symposium 2016 is on March 11-12](#)

Posted on 03/09/2016

Around 200 participants are gathering at Fresno Adult School at the end of this week to learn about and share meaningful and relevant techniques and tools in your classroom and celebrate the fun and effectiveness of educational technology! If you are not attending this premier professional development event in person,...

[Safer Internet Day](#)

Posted on 03/07/2016

Safer Internet Day (SID) is organized by InSAFE in February of each year to promote safer and more responsible use of online technology and mobile phones, especially among children and young people across the world. This year's celebration took place on Tuesday, 9 February 2016 with a theme of 'Play...

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[U.S. Department of Education Visits the California Department of Education](#)

Posted on 03/02/2016

Mr. Johan E. Uvin, Assistant Secretary of Education for Career, Technical and Adult Education (OCTAE) of the U.S. Department of Education, visited the California Department of Education on January 13, 2016. He met with Tom Adams, Deputy Superintendent, Instruction and Learning Support Branch; Russell Weikle, Director, Career and College Transitions...

[EL Civics retained and expanded under WIOA](#)

Posted on 02/26/2016

On January 11, 2015, the Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education (OCTAE) released a program memorandum, entitled Integrated English Literacy and Civics Education under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act – Frequently Asked Questions . The program memorandum provides answers to frequently asked questions and clarifies statutory provisions related...

[Join a Virtual Community - A Key Service in WIOA](#)

Posted on 02/26/2016

March 1, 2:45-4:00pm ET Join at this link , with password DeptofED1! (No pre-registration required.) Call in to 888-790-4881, participant code 9552347#. Education: A Key Service in WIOA. All national survey and economic data points to the importance of youth and adults gaining strong foundation skills, completing high school equivalence,...

[CATESOL Conferences](#)

Posted on 02/25/2016

CATESOL represents teachers of English language learners throughout California and Nevada, promoting excellence in education and providing high-quality professional development. Here is the list of the upcoming professional development events by this organization. March 5 — CATESOL Los Angeles Regional Conference: Teach Locally, Think Globally The L.A. Regional Conference is...

[ACCE Annual Statewide Conference , February 24-26, 2016](#)

Posted on 02/22/2016

Association of Community and Continuing Education (ACCE) is an Organization of California Community Colleges. The purpose of the organization is to develop and promote desirable policies, practices, and support for the educational constituencies within the Association and to promote professional growth of the membership. The specific objectives and functions of...

[Improve Reading Skills with Lower Level Stories](#)

Posted on 02/19/2016

In the February Web-based Activity article Debbie Jensen writes that "Reading materials for the low level reader are often difficult to find online. Here are five Web sites that will help your student succeed, even if his or her reading level is low." Center for the Study of Adult Literacy...

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[Dr. Devin Vodicka, Vista USD Superintendent, Keynote at Technology and Distance Learning Symposium 2016](#)

Posted on 02/16/2016

OTAN is pleased to announce that Dr. Devin Vodicka, Superintendent of Vista Unified School District, will be the keynote presenter at the seventh Technology and Distance Learning Symposium at Fresno Adult School , March 11 & 12. Dr. Vodicka was one of only 30 Superintendents from across the United States...

[The February Issue of OTAN's Teachers' Digest is Available](#)

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[Program available for Technology and Distance Learning Symposium 2016](#)

Posted on 02/10/2016

The seventh Technology and Distance Learning Symposium will be happening in a month at Fresno Adult School , March 11 & 12. Many thanks to previous hosts: San Leandro Adult School in 2015 Baldwin Park Adult and Community Education in 2014 Berkeley Adult School in 2013 Hacienda La Puente Adult...

[GED Lowers Passing Score, Tens of Thousands More Could Get HS Credentials](#)

Posted on 02/05/2016

The GED Testing Service has decided to lower the pass rate for its high school equivalency exam, a move brought on by its recognition that students who passed the latest, tougher version of it were doing better in college than high school graduates. The move, first disclosed Wednesday, January 20th,...

[U.S. Census Bureau Releases New Tool for Regional Business and Demographic Research](#)

Posted on 02/03/2016

A new Web application, Census Business Builder: Regional Analyst Edition now available in beta, allows users to easily explore data from Census Bureau economic programs and the American Community Survey for a user-defined economic region built from one or more counties. This second edition of Census Business Builder follows the...

[Coachella Valley Adult School expands services](#)

Posted on 02/01/2016

In The Desert Sun article on January 4 2015, journalist Francinni Zabata writes that the Coachella Valley Adult School is expanding its adult education in the desert community, thanks to collaboration with the Desert Sands Unified School District. On Dec. 8, the adult school entered a memorandum of understanding with...

[EL Civics retained and expanded under WIOA](#)

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On January 11, 2015, the Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education (OCTAE) released a program memorandum, entitled Integrated English Literacy and Civics Education under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act – Frequently Asked Questions . The program memorandum provides answers to frequently asked questions and clarifies statutory provisions related...

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